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**SKILLS PAGE**

**9.3 Active and Passive Voice**

MY SENTENCE: Through the poem, the cats portrayed as the curious, “dangerous” ones and always “ask[ing] odd questions” trying to out-do life (7,9).

EXPLANATION: Use passive voice sparingly. I got my information from *Holt Handbook* on page 213.

REVISED EXAMPLE: Through the poem, the cats are the curious, “dangerous” ones and always “ask[ing] odd questions” trying to out-do life (7,9).

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: Meagan invited me to the fair on Tuesday, and I cannot wait to play the carnival games.